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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 1941

Cold storage holdings of frozen domestic and imported fishery products in the United States amounted to 115,445,000 pounds on November 15, 1941, according to summaries released today by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, based on statistics furnished by the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture.

When compared with the (revised) total of 107,574,000 pounds in cold storage on October 15, this represents an increase of 7,871,000 pounds, or 7 percent. It also indicates an increase of 17,914,000 pounds, or 18 percent, over the November 15, 1940, figure of 97,531,000 pounds, and likewise an increase amounting to 26,259,000 pounds, or 29 percent, over the five-year average of 89,186,000 pounds at this date.

The quantity of fish frozen during the month ended November 15, 1941, amounted to 29,356,000 pounds, which is 7,166,000 pounds, or 32 percent, more than the production during the same period a year ago, and 8,433,000 pounds, or 40 percent, above the five-year average for this period of 20,923,000 pounds.

Heaviest holdings by species show halibut in the lead with 13,396,000 pounds, followed by whiting (12,035,000 pounds); haddock fillets (10,068,000 pounds); mackerel, except Spanish (8,495,000 pounds); rosefish fillets (5,243,000 pounds); and silver or coho salmon (4,529,000 pounds).

Among frozen shellfish, shrimp (7,302,000 pounds) predominated, followed by scallops with 1,479,000 pounds. Squid, with 914,000 pounds, was in third place. Three items--halibut, haddock fillets, and whiting--accounted for 31 percent of the total frozen fishery products held in domestic public freezers on November 15.

Greatest holdings by sections show New England leading with 32,005,000 pounds; the Pacific area (26,694,000 pounds) in second place; followed by the Middle Atlantic section (New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania) with 22,897,000 pounds; and the North Central East region (15,798,000 pounds).

Other items listed show 11,987,000 pounds of cured herring, and 7,574,000 pounds of mild-cured salmon, on hand as of November 15, 1941.

Included also is a note stating that the Dominion of Canada report shows that the following species and amounts of fresh frozen fish were on hand as of November 1, 1941; cod fillets--1,680,891 pounds; salmon--5,691,429 pounds; sea herring--6,085,992 pounds; mackerel--1,172,216 pounds; halibut--6,644,895 pounds; whitefish--1,009,387 pounds; all other varieties, 11,459,972 pounds.

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